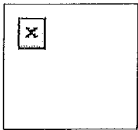


**Mark Persico**

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**From:** Linda Devine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2011 8:07 AM  
**To:** Mark Persico  
**Subject:** FW: DWP property

**Linda Devine, City Clerk**  
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**From:** ellerydeaton@gmail.com [mailto:ellerydeaton@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Ellery Deaton  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2011 10:18 PM  
**To:** Susan Slesinger  
**Cc:** Linda Devine  
**Subject:** Re: DWP property

Dear Susan,

Thank you for your letter requesting no zone change on the DWP property. Right now the property is going through the review process and it is at the very beginning stages. Tonight's meeting was to assure that the property receives a proper environmental review. It was not about rezoning the property.

You are right that there needs to be plenty of public notice for public hearings. There will be upcoming notices as the project comes before the DWP Committee, the Environmental Quality Control Board, the Archaeology Board, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission and ultimately the City Council. If you would like, I will add you to my District 1 Newsletter in which I try to keep everyone updated not only with what is going on regarding the DWP property, but other issues and events that affect our residents.

I'm passing your comments on to the City Clerk so that your comments will become part of the public record.

Sincerely yours,  
Ellery Deaton

On Mon, Jun 20, 2011 at 3:23 PM, Susan Slesinger <[sslesinger@roadrunner.com](mailto:sslesinger@roadrunner.com)> wrote:

6/21/2011

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of 1st Street, I am extremely concerned about the proposed zoning change for the DWP property located on 1st Street and Ocean Avenue.

The consortium who purchased the property knew that it was zoned for 70% open space and 30% visitor-serving commercial use at the time they purchased the property. Since that time they have tried a number of different ways to get the property re-zoned to allow dense housing development. The most recent attempt appears to be under the guise of a settlement agreement, which circumvents the Brown Act requirement for meetings to be held publicly, as discussions pertaining to litigation are exempt from the act.

The property was zoned in a way to provide public access to much of the site, and to be used for a commercial purpose (originally a hotel was proposed for the site) which could bring substantial tax revenue to the city. Instead the conversion into pads for 48 homes will lead to more traffic, increased costs for public services, and these sites could remain empty for a long time in the present economy. The density of the development may also adversely affect property prices in the area.

The proposed zoning change which affects residents of 1st Street, Ocean Avenue and Central Avenue should be properly noticed to residents (I happened to see the advertisement in the Sun a few days ago) via a mailing, and there should be sufficient time allowed for public comments before a zoning change is enacted.

Susan Slesinger

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